(c) The delay is completion of the works are on account of (i) increase in scope of work, (ii) delay in shifting/removal of religious buildings & services, and (iii) removal of encroachments. No firm date of completion of these works can be indicated at this stage.

(d) to (f). Out of the five proposals which required clearance of Delhi Urban Arts Commission mentioned in part (d) of the reply to the Unstarred Question No. 694 dated 9.8.90, the following two proposals have been approved by tham in November, 1990;

(i) Flyover at Outer Ring Road-J.B. Tito Marg at Chirag Delhi;

(ii) Flyover at Outer Ring Road Aurobindo Marg at Indian Instituta of Technology;

The remaining proposals for flyovers at Safdarjung, Dhaula Kuan and Raja Garden Crossings on Ring Road have been cleared by Delhi Development Authority. Delhi Urban Arts Commission (DUAC) have not yet cleared these schemes as these are still under discussions between Delhi Urban Arts Commission and the concerned authorities.

[*Translation*]

Opening of New Branches of Nationalised Banks in Bihar and Gujarat

1395. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY:
SHRI KASHIRAM RANA:

Will the Minister of FINACNE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of branches of nationalised banks in the rural areas of Ranchi district in Bihar ad Surat and Vadodara districts in Gujarat, bank-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to open some new branches of these banks in the rural areas of these districts;

(c) if so, the locations thereof; and
(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Bank-wise number of branches of Public Sector Banks functioning in rural areas of District Ranchi in Bihar and Districts Surat and Vadodara in Gujarat as on 30.6.1991 are indicated below:-

Name of Banks	*Ranchi*	*Surat*	*Vadodara*
State Bank of India	14	9	32
Allahabad Bank	1	-	-
Bank of Baroda	-	51	50
Bank of India	17	6	8
Bank of Maharashtra	-	2	2
Canara Bank	1	-	-
Central Bank of India	1	6	12
Dena Bank	-	21	10

Name of Banks	*Ranchi*	*Surat*	*Vadodara*
Indian Bank	1	1	1
Indian Overseas Bank	3	1	6
Punjab National Bank	1	-	-
Syndicate Bank	-	5	-
UCO Bank	1	1	1
Union Bank of India	5	4	8
United Bank of India	7	-	-
Vijaya Bank	-	-	1

(b) to (d). Under the extant Policy of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for opening of branches in rural areas, the lis of identified centres with necessary particulars in each district has to be given to the lead bank of that district. The lead bank after consolidating the list received from all banks submits it to the District Collector for recommendations and onward transmission to RBI through the concerned State Government. Under the Branch Licensing Policy (1990-95), opening of branches of Public Sector Banks is a continuous process and hence it is not possible to project the number of branches that will be opened in the rural areas of these districts.

[*English*]

Aid from Aid India Consortium

1396. SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the financial aid sought by India from Aid India Consortium;

(b) the amount sanctioned by the Consortium at its recent meeting; and

(c) the details of the projects for which the aid has been earmarked?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) It is not the practice for Government of India to make a specific request in terms of a precise figure of aid, as the India Consortium is a Group set up under the aegis of the World Bank to consider availability of aid to India in the context of the country's requirements.

(b) At the Aid India Consortium Meeting held on 19-20 September, 1991 the members of the Consortium pledged aid assistance of US $ 6.7 billion.

(c) The details of projects for which the aid is likely to be utilised will be determined after aid negotiations with each donor agency are finalised.

Trade Deficit

1397. SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN: SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA:

Will the Minister pf COMMERCE be pleased to state: